

Broomwood Partnership Subgroup - 8th July 2008

One item agenda - Reference the need for the development of the old park

In attendance

Paul H – Tina H – Ray B – Hazel B – Grant M – Jamie D – James C – Paul F – Audra B – Tony F – Sonia C – Julie L – Ann W

Pertinent points from the discussions & ACTION POINTS

- The status of the old park was recognised as open space in the UDP (dated 2006) with no plans for that to change.
- It had been recognised that there was a low level of open space on Broomwood
- It was agreed that the Broomwood Partnership would be the lead agency for driving forward the development of the old park and that it was a suitable forum to formally apply for certain grants.
- That the three Councillors had already spoken to Phil Sherratt & David McNulty about the park as they considered it to be one of the 10 priority areas needing attention in their ward.
- That currently there was already sufficient evidence from previous consultations proving the need for greater play opportunities on Broomwood.
- It was recognised that more specific consultation would be needed further down the line about how the site should be developed
- That there was no specific money available from council coffers to pay for anything other than general maintenance of the site
- It was agreed that the site would benefit by being opened up i.e. the removal and cutting back of certain bushes, plants, etc.
- Possible funding sources were discussed.
 - They were: -
 - Section 106 money from the Carrfield Ave site of around £40k, but there was no date for when that would become available and none expected soon
 - Possibly approach THT & IVHA discussed.
 - The question was asked as to whether there was any 'Section 106' money from the Redbrook Road site. **ACTION POINT Paul F was to investigate.**
 - Community spaces grant via the Groundwork Trust – up to £50k. **ACTION POINT Paul F was to investigate**
 - It was understood that the DCFS Childrens Play Strategy/Play Pathfinders funding was possibly available and that this was in its early stages and being driven forward by Will Owen & Gill Staniforth of CYPS. **ACTION POINT Paul F agreed to ask if the Park was included in this**
 - Possibly money from GMP Safer Group
- **ACTION POINT - Paul F was asked to approach the Mark Brazil/Mark Saxon asking for a visit the site to reassess its maintenance needs as the site size had changed and there were concerns about the current maintenance level.**
- **ACTION POINT Paul F was to try and get a map of the site for the next Broomwood Partnership**
- THT were organising an Estate clean up on 27th August and **ACTION POINT G-Force would organise a community led clean up of the old park area on the same day.** Sonia C offered TMBC assistance with a 'risk assessment' for the day
- **ACTION POINT** – Paul H to produce a draft action plan for discussion at the next Broomwood Partnership (15th July) taking into account the discussions in this meeting.